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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time and authorization to charge a deposit account to pay the petition fee are enclosed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 35 of this paper.